

Amendments To The Drawing

The attached sheets of drawings includes new Figs. 4 to 7 which are in addition to the original Figs. 1 to 3 in the application.

Attachments: New Drawing Sheets (4)

REMARKS

At the outset the applicant wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for his helpful suggestions pertaining to formal matters in the application.

By the present amendment the applicant has amended claims 1 to 6 to overcome the Examiner's objections and Section 112 (second paragraph) rejections of the claims contained in paragraphs 3 to 8 of the Detailed Action of the Office Action. It is believed that amended claims 1 to 6 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings contained in paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action, the applicant submits herewith new drawings Figures 4 to 7. Figures 4 and 5 show the positioning of sealing strip 12 as defined in claims 4 and 5. Figure 6 shows the double extension 14 guiding means of claim 3 and Figure 7 shows the single extension 13 guiding means of claim 2. The specification has been amended at pages 2 and 3 to reflect the new Figures 4 to 7.

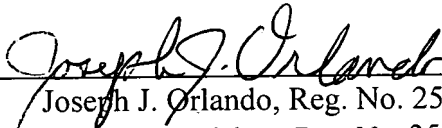
In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 6 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,853,238, to Cullen et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,148,535, to Fenwick. It is respectfully pointed out to the Examiner that both the Cullen et al and Fenwick references relate to cabinets or showcabinets having two sliding doors which in the closed state seal off the interior of the cabinet from the surroundings. However, in the open state one door is moved parallel with respect to the second door exposing only one half of the total aperture. Thus, it is apparent with respect to both cited references that because of the two sliding doors, the fullest extent of the total aperture which can be exposed is one half. On the other hand, as the present specification and claims clearly point out, the door 3 is movable so as to

"completely clear the door opening". Thus, according to the present invention the entire extent of the aperture is uncovered in the door open state thereby exposing the total interior of the show cabinet. It is respectfully submitted that this feature is nowhere disclosed or hinted at in the cited Cullen et al or Fenwick references and that therefore the rejected claims are not obvious in view thereof.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1 to 6 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,832,421, to Shoffner in view of the Cullen et al and Fenwick references. It is respectfully submitted that the Shoffner reference suffers from the same deficiency as do the Cullen et al and Fenwick, references i.e. the door opening is covered by two sliding doors arranged side-by-side so that the fullest extent of the door opening which can be exposed is one half. As in the case of the Cullen et al and Fenwick references, Shoffner does not disclose or even hint at the arrangement of a single sliding door which is slidable to expose the entire door opening as in the present application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 to 6 are patentable over the cited references to Cullen et al, Fenwick and Shoffner either taken singly or in combination and should therefore be allowed. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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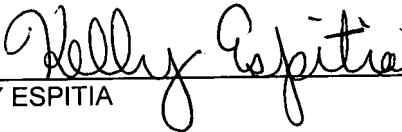
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